# NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS OF HEARING OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE CLASS ACTION FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTION OF PIERRE ROBILLARD AGAINST ÉCOSERVICES TRIA INC. GESTION TRIA INC., THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF QUEBEC AND VILLE DE LA PRAIRIE

# Superior Court of the district of Longueuil: 505-06-000018-130

#### This notice may affect your rights. Please read it carefully.

This notice concerns residents who lived in three sectors located in the neighbourhood of the construction and demolition debris landfill and sorting center operated by Écoservices Tria inc. in La Prairie from 2010 to 2016.

This notice sets out the essential elements of an out-of-court Settlement Agreement to be proposed to the Court by the parties, specifies the hearing date for its approval and refers to certain rights of Class Members.

The Settlement Agreement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and Distribution, and the list of civic addresses of the affected residences are available at **www.barretteavocats.com** and in the Class Actions Registry.

#### 1. WHO IS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT ?

The group covered by the Class Action is defined as follows: all natural persons, including minors, residing or having resided in the "A" and "P" sectors of the City of Candiac or in the sector known and designated as the Faubourg du Golf de La Prairie from February 12, 2010 to December 31, 2016, and whose civic address is listed in the Plan of Allocation and Distribution, which can be consulted at www.barretteavocats.com and in the Class Action registry.

The Class Action was brought on behalf of residents of the three sectors described above against Écoservices Tria inc. and Gestion Tria inc., for neighbourhood disturbances allegedly caused by the operation of the construction and demolition debris landfill and the residual materials sorting center during the period from February 12, 2010 to December 31, 2016.

The Class Action also targets the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP) and the City of La Prairie, accusing them of failing to take appropriate measures to remedy the alleged neighbourhood disturbances.

On October 2, 2023, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement during a settlement conference. This agreement is subject to approval by the Superior Court.

#### 2. WHAT DOES THE AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR ?

The agreement provides for the following, in full and final settlement of all claims arising from the Class Action:

 - Écoservices Tria inc, Gestion Tria inc and the City of La Prairie will jointly pay the Class Members the total sum of \$2,200,000 in capital, interest, costs, fees and taxes, allocated as follows: \$2,000,000 payable by La Prairie, and \$200,000 payable by Écoservices and Gestion Tria; - Écoservices Tria Inc. undertakes to withdraw the contestation it filed with the Tribunal administratif du Québec (TAQ) against Order No. 691-A issued by the MELCCFP. This Order will first be amended with respect to certain time limits, in accordance with an agreement reached between the parties, which also provides that the Order will be homologated by the TAQ following approval of the Class Action settlement by the Superior Court.

By this Order, the Minister directs Écoservices to cease all dumping or discharge of residual materials on the surface of the former landfill site, to cease the construction of any unauthorized platform on the site, to remove all residual materials from the surface of the former landfill site and to transport them to a site authorized to receive them, all in accordance with the provisions of the EQA, the applicable regulations, the authorizations and the terms and conditions set out in the Order. Should the Settlement Agreement be approved by the Court, the distribution of the amount collectively recovered will take place after the following amounts have been paid, in order: (1) Court costs, including the cost of notice to Class Members and the remuneration of the Administrator responsible for distributing the indemnities; (2) The fees of the claimant's lawyers, as determined by the Court; (3) The claimant's disbursements to the extent determined by the Court; (4) The amount deducted based on the percentage applied by the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives, if applicable.

## 3. PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

At the hearing on the approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiff's lawyers will present a plan of allocation and distribution. This plan is intended to provide direct compensation to the residents of 788 homes located in the A, P and Faubourg du Golf sectors. Under the plan, compensation will be paid on a pro rata basis, calculated according to the number of days per year of occupancy between February 2010 and December 2016.

The amount of compensation paid to members will depend on the total number of claims filed with the Settlement Administrator.

If the Settlement Agreement is approved, a new notice will be issued to inform Class Members of the procedure to follow and the deadline for submitting their claims to the Administrator.

## 4. LAWYERS' FEES AND PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

At the hearing for homologation of the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiff's lawyers will submit a request for the approval of legal fees equal to 30% of the total gross amount, plus taxes.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The hearing to approve the Settlement Agreement will be held on **September 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in room 1.19** at the Longueuil courthouse, 1111 Jacques-Cartier Boulevard East, Longueuil, Quebec J4M 2J6.

At the hearing, the Court will consider any comments and/or objections to the Settlement Agreement duly submitted by Class Members. A Class Member who wishes to comment on or object to the approval of the Settlement Agreement must do so in writing (by mail, email or fax) and submit it to the Plaintiffs' counsel no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2025**.

All comments or objections must contain the following information: (1) The name of the person submitting the objection, his or her address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable); (2) A brief statement of the comments or the nature of the grounds for objection; (3) An indication of whether or not the person intends to attend the settlement approval hearing in person or be represented by legal counsel, and if so, the counsel's name, address, telephone number and email address.

# 6. EFFECT OF APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

If the proposed Settlement Agreement is approved by the Court, all Class Members will be bound by its terms, except for those who have opted out of the Class or Class Action No. 505-06-000018-130.

This means that all persons who have not opted out of the Class or the Class Action will be prohibited from initiating any legal action or pursuing any other claim or legal proceeding against the defendants in connection with the allegations set out in the proceedings under file number 505-06-000018-130.

## 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Plaintiff's attorneys or visit :

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